

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 320 passes. LB 714.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wehrbein would move to return the bill for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President and members, as you know I have been supporting this bill, and I put this...I will not speak any further to this bill. I want to comment on some other action that occurred yesterday afternoon and last night. I will not oppose this bill, particularly I am not going to vote against it. But this morning the State of Nebraska is at great risk of losing a \$250 million plant, an alcohol plant. All day yesterday I worked at trying to arrive at a consensus on a bill, LB 754. I simply needed a few words in that bill. Some other people needed some other things, and I worked hard at finding a compromise. It was not to be. This plant is going to employ several hundred people at very good salaries using a half a million bushels of corn a day or more. Today, we are scrambling trying to find a way to keep the plant in Nebraska. LB 754 was passed over last night by its sponsor, so we were unable to take any action on what needs to be done. I am simply alerting you to this because if there is a possibility of a special session, and I admit it is remote, I'm working with the Governor to try to do that, other states have had such things. Try to see if there is some way we can save this plant. What I needed last night or yesterday, and I say I because I think...but it should be everyone, would have definitely brought this plant to Nebraska the way I understand it today. I simply want you to recognize this and be aware that either this summer or hopefully at least next January, if it is not too late by then, that we will be taking some action to try to encourage this production. It is something I think that we've all worked for including the sponsor of the bill, but because of the passing over of that bill last night, I was unable to take the action necessary to do this, and I admit there is other issues in the bill, none of which seem to effect what I was needing, and I, in this case, for this plant. With that, Madam President, I ask permission to withdraw my motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there are no objections, it is so ordered.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schmit would move to return